

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-20 were presented. Claims 1 and 10 are canceled. Claims 2-9 and 11-20 remain in the application for consideration of the Examiner.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding objections and rejections are respectfully requested in light of the following remarks and arguments.

Applicants appreciate the indication that if Claims 2, 3, 7, 11, 12 and 16 were rewritten in independent form including the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims, these claims would be allowable. Claims 2, 7, 11 and 16 have been so rewritten, so should be allowable. Claims 3 and 12 are dependent from allowable claims.

Claims Rejections 35 USC § 102

Claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Hirose et al. (U.S. 5,900,780). Claim 1 has been canceled.

Claims Rejections 35 USC § 103

Claims 4-6, 8-10, 13-15, 17-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hirose et al. (U.S. 5,900,780).

Claims 4-6, 8-9, 13-15, 17, 18 are dependent from claims 2 and 11, allowable as amended.

Claim 19 has been amended to add the limitations of allowable claim 2, so should also be allowable.

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Being dependent on Claim 19, Claim 20 should be allowable.

Respectful request is made for reconsideration of the application, as amended, and for an issuance of a Notice of Allowance.

To the extent necessary, Applicant petitions for an Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136 and the addition of 2 independent claims. Please charge any fees in connection with the filing of this paper to the deposit account of Texas Instruments Incorporated, Account No. 20-0668.

Respectfully submitted,

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